

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) A method for producing an aluminum composite material comprising:

~~cutting~~ sawing at least one cladding layer of a specified thickness suitable for use as a cladding layer from a first ingot made from a first aluminum material in a longitudinal direction;

placing said cladding layer on a side of a second ingot made from a second aluminum material; and

rolling said cladding layer and said second ingot, said rolling comprising several roll passes thereby producing said aluminum composite material.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6 wherein said ~~cutting~~ sawing comprises band sawing said cladding layer from said first ingot.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 wherein, after said ~~cutting~~ sawing, said cladding layer has a thickness of 2 mm to 100 mm.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 further comprising, prior to said rolling, treating a surface from the group consisting of:

- (a) at least one surface of said cladding layer;
- (b) at least one surface of said second ingot; and
- (c) a combination of (a) and (b).

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7 further comprising, prior to said rolling, treating a surface from the group consisting of:

- (a) at least one surface of said cladding layer;
- (b) at least one surface of said second ingot; and
- (c) a combination of (a) and (b)

Claim 11 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 6 wherein, after said ~~cutting~~ sawing, said cladding layer has a thickness of 2 mm to 100 mm.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 further comprising, prior to said rolling, treating a surface from the group consisting of:

- (a) at least one surface of said cladding layer;
- (b) at least one surface of said second ingot; and
- (c) a combination of (a) and (b).

Claim 13 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6 further comprising, prior to said rolling, treating a surface from the group consisting of:

- (a) at least one surface of said cladding layer;
- (b) at least one surface of said second ingot; and
- (c) a combination of (a) and (b).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended). A method for producing at least one aluminum cladding layer from a first ingot made from a first aluminum material, said cladding layer for use in an aluminum composite material, said composite material being produced at least partially by (1) placing said cladding layer on a side of a second ingot made from a second aluminum material, and (2) rolling said cladding layer and said second ingot, said rolling comprising several roll

passes thereby producing said composite material, said method comprising ~~cutting~~ sawing said aluminum cladding sheet from said first ingot in a longitudinal direction at a specified thickness suitable for use as a cladding sheet for said composite material.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 14 wherein said ~~cutting~~ sawing comprises band sawing said cladding layer from said first ingot.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 14 wherein, after said ~~cutting~~ sawing, said cladding layer has a thickness of 2 mm to 100 mm.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14 further comprising, prior to said rolling, treating at least one surface of said cladding layer.